Mr. Police Officer, Mr. Police Officer.
WHAT IS THE MATTER, SIR?
You see, there's a suspicious man over there.
He's a brat with black hair, red eyes and an impertinent, evil gaze.
He has a little girl, who does not look like his relative, along with him. I thought he looks like a kidnapper.
There're many cases of kidnapping these days, right?
GOOD-NESS...! I UNDER-STAND!

So after this and that happened...

SHE'S MY PET!

...WILL YOU PLEASE COME WITH ME TO THE POLICE STATION?
I'M GONNA MURDER THE PERSON WHO REPORTED THAT!!

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I've done it.

...And so, the story so far:

But seriously, saying she's your pet is out. So out. Every PTA in the country will sue you.

SHUT THE...

HM?!

DON'T YOU BUTT IN, NARRATOR!!

Sigh

CALM DOWN.

I CAN'T AFFORD TO WASTE MY TIME OVER SOMETHING LIKE THIS.

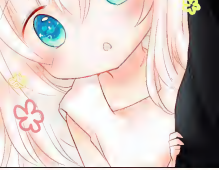
If I'm taken to the station

I won't

be able to deliver this, the product of my hard work and all-nighter!!

Ta——da

WON'T BE ABLE TO DELIVER THE FLOWERS
II
WON'T GET THE MONEY
II
DEATH
I HAVE TO GET OUT OF THIS SITUATION...!!
Before you worry about that, you just died in the eyes of society, didn't you?
SHUT UP NARRATOR !!
AH, UHH...
FORGET WHAT I SAID EARLIER...
Nii-tan, Nii-tan.



IF YOU PHRASE IT THAT WAY, IT'LL MEAN THAT YOU ARE KEEPING ME AS A PET. IT'S THE OPPOSITE, THE OPPOSITE.
...THAT'S WRONG. IT'S THE OPPOSITE.
Oppo-site!
YOUNG MAN, WITH YOUR STATEMENT JUST NOW, YOU HAVE RECOGNIZED THAT SHE IS YOUR PET. ARE YOU OKAY WITH THAT?

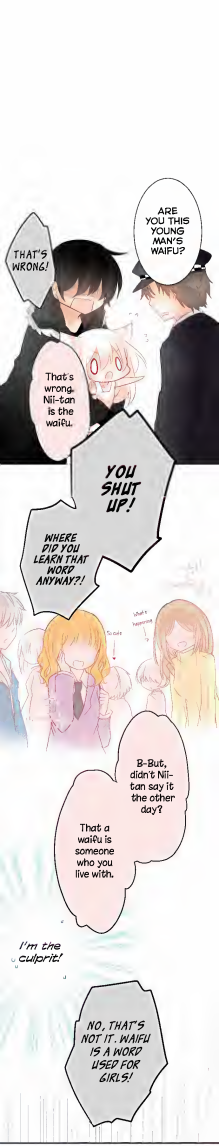
A style in which he keeps on bringing calamity upon himself.

ENOUGH. I'LL ASK THIS GIRL DIRECTLY.
KID, WHAT'S YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THIS YOUNG MAN?
EH

UMM...

SAY SOME-THING STUPID
AND I'LL KILL YOU.

It's getting worse and worse.


ARE YOU THIS YOUNG MAN'S WAIFU?
THAT'S WRONG!
That's wrong. Nii-tan is the waifu.
YOU SHUT UP!
WHERE DID YOU LEARN THAT WORD ANYWAY?!
What's happening?
B-But, didn't Nii-tan say it the other day?
That a waifu is someone who you live with.
I'm the culprit!
NO, THAT'S NOT IT. WAIFU IS A WORD USED FOR GIRLS!

...?
Then, Shiro just has to become Nii-tan's waifu?
HUH?
WELL, IF THAT'S THE CASE...
...!?
U-WHA-WHA-
WHAT ARE YOU MAKING ME SAY, YOU STUPID BRAAAT!!
I can't?!
YOU CAN'T!! THAT'S EVEN WORSE THAN A PET!! IT'S DEFINITELY OUT!!
WHO'D TAKE YOU AS A WAIFU?!
YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO SAY "OKAY" THERE!!
Boo
Boo
SHUT U...
WHO THE HECK ARE YOU?!
The mob joins the fray.

IS THAT HOW YOU TALK TO A YOUNG GIRL?
BOO
THAT'S A CRUEL THING TO SAY TO HER!
BOO
WAI...
Why am I getting attacked!

UHH...
KID, DO YOU LIVE WITH THIS YOUNG MAN?
Yup!

Nii-tan always treats me kindly!
He gives me food and plays with me.
When I'm sleepy, he'll pat my head for me.
!?9?!?9!!?

WHA...
EH?!
HEY, WHAT ARE YOU--
And, and, when he splits the bread in half, he'll always give me the bigger one.
OHH
STOOOOOOOP!!!

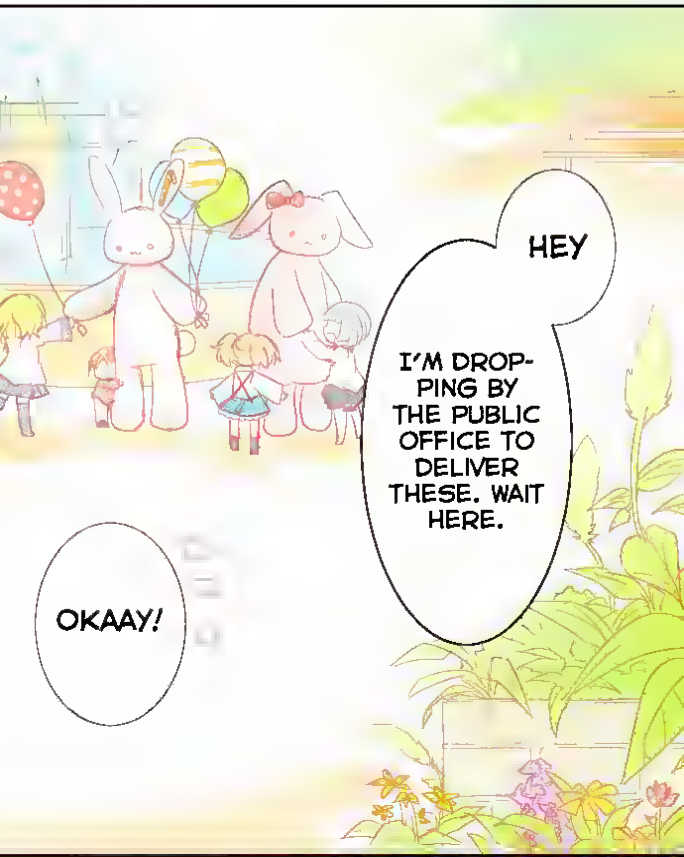
NN
IN THE END, I RAN AWAY...
AH
もき。
もき。

BUT...
Now that I was asked,

What's my relationship with this brat...?
tick-tock

WHAT'S WRONG, NII-TAN?
...NO-THING.
NO
WE'VE GOT NO RELATION-SHIP AT ALL...

WE'RE JUST... STRANGERS.



I JUST WENT TO TOWN AND NOW MY LIFE'S FULL OF NEGATIVITY...
AND HECK,
WHY DO I HAVE TO GO THROUGH ALL OF THIS JUST BECAUSE OF A STUPID BRAT UNRELATED TO ME?
Sigh...
Today is the day
I'll definitely cut my ties with that brat. This time for sure my day will finally end in tranquility and peace...

HEY,
HAVE YOU
HEARD?

Earlier, a man who has a young girl along with him was questioned outside~
Ah, I saw that!
But it looked like they're getting along well.. I guess it was just a misunderstanding?
Really?
But you know,
There are lots of child abduction cases recently.
Take a look. They have even put out wanted posters.
Ah- doctor?
Next, pleeease.

Ah, hello there Mister~
...Hi
The usual delivery, right? Please wait for a moment.
stare
stare
Here. Fill up this form...
.....
ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT THE WANTED POSTERS?
AH, NO...
IT'S SEEMS THAT IT'S AN ORGANIZATION THAT KIDNAPS AND SELLS KIDS~
THIS ISN'T UNCOMMON IN THIS TOWN, BUT IT'S STILL SCARY, ISN'T IT?
OH...

...NO WAY?

To be continued.